

## **FISCAL UPDATE Article**

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## HF 617 -- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

**Description:** House File 617 made changes to the Iowa Code to streamline operations in the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS). The majority of the Bill provides for changing the name of the State Soil Conservation Committee to the State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee. Other changes include the following:

- Fees for various operating bureaus are doubled, but payment will be made every two years to save on administrative costs. Examples include egg handler fees, commercial feed fees, and fertilizer fees.
- Bulk commodity deliveries must be accompanied by two duplicate delivery tickets. The Bill specifies
  information to be completed on the delivery tickets and the procedures for handling delivery tickets.
- A gasoline pump that dispenses ethanol blended gasoline that is higher than standard ethanol blended gasoline must have a sticker that states that the ethanol blended gasoline is for use in flexible fuel vehicles.
- A commercial scale with a nonfunctioning automatic weight recorder can be used for up to seven
  days if a repair is initiated. The user must manually record information and sign the weight ticket until
  the repair has been made.

Enactment Date: This Bill was approved by the General Assembly on April 19, 2017.

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